

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Gerard H. Llanos et al. Confirmation No.: 8413  
Appln. No. : 09/887,464  
Filed: June 22, 2001  
Title: Local Drug Delivery Devices and Methods for Maintaining the Drug  
Coatings Thereon  
Art Unit : 3743  
Examiner : CAMTU TRAN NGUYEN

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY/AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page two of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page four of this paper.